

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3645  
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SMALL FARM EXPORTS  
V. SAROJA

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to exempt small farm exports from export cess;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): The Government of India are levying a cess on the export of some specified commodities under the Agricultural Produce Cess Act, 1940 and on cashew kernel under the Produce Cess Act, 1966. The cess so collected, under these two Acts, is remitted to ICAR for research and development purposes. The cess is collected from the exporters by the customs authorities. There is no proposal to amend the Acts and to exempt levying of cess on export from small farms. This is for the reason that it is not possible to identify the origin of the farm produce that is exported. Besides, the cess is charged from exporters, on national values and the interest of the small farmers is in no way, affected by the cess